

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1453

Introduced by Assembly Member Parra

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 128739 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1453, as introduced, Parra. Nursing facilities: financial data.

Existing law requires every organization that operates, conducts, owns, or maintains a health facility, and the officers thereof, to make and file with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, specified reports concerning financial data. Existing law provides that a facility that is governed by these requirements and does not file the required reports may be subject to civil penalties, as specified.

This bill would require the State Department of Health Services to issue regulations, as specified, to enhance the methods for the collecting of financial data concerning nursing facilities by requiring a nursing facility to submit specified financial information to the department and the office.

This bill would authorize the department and the office to assess the civil penalties authorized under existing law, if any nursing facility does not file the information required by the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 128739 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

128739. (a) The department, in an effort to ensure improved collection of financial data regarding any organization that operates, conducts, or maintains a nursing facility, shall adopt regulations, as required in subdivision (b), to enhance existing methods of financial data collection, as described in Section 128735.

(b) These regulations shall require any entity covered by this section to submit to the department and the office, in addition to the data required pursuant to Section 128735, financial data concerning all of the following:

(1) A transfer of funds within the nursing facility, including a transfer between the parent corporation of the facility and any subsidiary of that corporation.

(2) Patient costs and expenses.

(3) Staffing costs and expenses.

(4) Administrative costs and expenses.

(5) Food and other operational costs and expenses.

(c) For the purpose of this section, the department and the office may assess those civil penalties specified in Section 128770 if any nursing facility does not file the information required by this section.